(c) whether the Hon'ble Prime Minister had issued a direction in January, 2007 to all the States for regular review of this scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of those States which have made regular review of this scheme and those which have not as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Review is a continuous process and the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is reviewed regularly by holding periodic meetings with Secretaries of the State Government and Union Territory (UT) Administrations and through field visits of the Officers of the Ministry from time to time.

(c) and (d) The Hon'ble Prime Minister in a letter addressed to the Chief Ministers of States/UTs has impressed upon them the need to set up an institutionalized review process at their level after carrying out a detailed assessment of the Programme in their States; lay special emphasis on the programme status in areas with concentration of minority communities and preponderance of Scheduled Castes and Tribes; adequately empower Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to monitor and supervise the working of these centres; make line officials firmly accountable for their actions and report on a quarterly basis on further developments in this sector.

(e) The States/UT Administrations of Chandigarh, West Bengal, Haryana, Maharashtra A&N Islands, Daman & Diu, Mizoram, Tamil Nadu, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Tripura, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Puducherry, Lakahsdweep have reported compliance.

Central funds for Balika Samridhi Yojana

721. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central funds for Balika Samridhi Yojana are not being released to States on a regular basis;

(b) if so, the details of the funds released to States, year-wise;

(c) the details of expenditure incurred by the States on the scheme, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in releasing funds by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) The Scheme of Balika Samridhi Yojana is slated for transfer to the State Sector and is under the consideration of National Development Council. Hence no outlays were provided for the Scheme in the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08.